

# Briefly Told

Senator Hitchcock: "Many of the speeches of the opponents of the Peace Treaty have been made before empty benches, made for the purpose of consuming time and defeating the Treaty by obstruction. The opponents of the Treaty during the past two months have consumed 73 per cent of the time, and the supporters the remaining percentage."

Japanese women are now being admitted to Nippon's colleges and are enjoying greater freedom than ever before in their nation's history.

"The Bible is the best book I ever read," said Champ Clark in Washington recently.

Because he believed that college professors should have an increase in pay, a member of the faculty of the University of Illinois contributed fifty cents to the Harvard fund. His subscription illustrated, he said, the impecunious state of the average professor's purse.

The National Union of Ex-Service Men (British) is demanding the difference between their army pay and the average war-time wage.

"Another land revolution is on the way. A couple of Welshmen can settle a revolt over shillings a day, but when peasants rise to claim the land, empires and kingdoms fall."—The Commonwealth.

A bill now before the Spanish Cortes provides that when women are given the ballot, they be given also a separate day for voting.

It took 90 years to make the first million Christian converts in heathen lands. The second million took 23 years. Converts are now being made at the rate of a quarter of a million a year.

Among the items of Theodore Roosevelt's estate were \$3,000 worth of Mexican 5 per cent bonds, which are scheduled as worthless.

A good wooden Indian was once the indispensable accessory to every tobacco shop. How long is it since you have seen one?

Kreisler, the Austrian violinist, was asked by Louisville, Ky., citizens to cancel his engagement in that city on the ground that he is a former Austrian officer and as such fought during the war. He complied.

Ireland was an exception to "Allied countries in a way seldom heard of—she was not allowed to "get in on" war profiteering. The government was afraid to operate munition factories there, so that war industries were not introduced and peace industries suffered as they did everywhere, and Ireland was out of pocket both ways.

The only thing that seems to be able to stand on a poor foundation is scandal.

The Espionage Law still operates. A woman who was arrested during the war charged with impeding the government's war preparations has just been sentenced to 15 years.

The American Legion is busy in Arizona, placing aboard convenient freight cars all who evaded military service. A group of Russian colonists are the latest deportees.

The first steamboat in Scottish waters was built by Patrick Miller in 1788, and Robert Burns was one of its first passengers.

Blasco Ibanez, the Spanish novelist, has somewhat disconcerted the elite East by announcing that one purpose of his visit to the United States is to write a novel about us.

Egypt which once ruled with a high hand is to be accorded a mild measure of self-government for herself. How many centuries will elapse before the same statements will be made of present-day ruling nations?

Gen. Pershing is the most decorated American. There have been conferred on him the Distinguished Service Medal, the Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath, the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor, the Grand Cross of the Order of St. Maurice and St. Lazarus, the Grand Cordon of the Order of Leopold, the Grand Cross of the Military Order of Savoy, the Panlowian Order of the Rising Sun, and others equally impressive.

Rag-pickers in New York are paid \$33 a week. School-teachers draw \$20.

Kitchener, Ont., formerly known as Berlin, the name having been changed to an accompaniment of scenes of violence, is expecting another name duel. Citizens of German extraction wish the Berlin name restored.

The King of Spain will tour the South American republics next spring. It is still true that paths from South America lead more easily to Spain and France than to the United States.

The Senate made a parliamentary record during the Treaty debate. For the first time in its history, when the subject was a treaty, the Senate adopted a cloture motion.

When announcement was made that the government had released whisky from its war-time bonds, the British House of Commons rose and cheered.

The international labor conference—what there was of it—fixed the child labor age for Japan and China at 12 years. For America the age was fixed at 14 years.

Premier Clemenceau says no complete records were made of the deliberations of the "Big Five" council, and that historians of the Peace Conference will be unable to obtain accurate information.

The North American Reindeer Co., has been granted 74,000 square miles in northern Manitoba by the government on which to raise reindeer and caribou.

Returned Canadian soldiers are asking a property-tax exemption up to \$3,000.

The experts say that the country is restless because too many are resting.

Because the road looks well-traveled, is no sign that it is the right one.

The war is over, but the slaughter of Jews by the Russians, the slaughter of Korean Christians by the Japanese, the slaughter of Armenians by the Turks, still continue. None of the world's sores have been healed.

A London servant girl is running for Parliament on the Labor ticket.

Bolshevism in America, it has been discovered, is not stimulated so much by the passion for reform, as by large contributions of money from the upper circles of society. Government agents are investigating whether these higher circles are buying immunity or only seeking new thrills.

The coal is in the ground. The government is in power at Washington. The rest ought to be easy.

A Londoner has just succeeded in going through his seventh bankruptcy. How he does it is still a mystery to the financial world.

Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years—all Thursdays.

"There's nought so honest as land," said a farmer the other day. "Put into it and you are sure to get it back again, full measure. It's always there—land is. You do not wake up some fine morning and find it gone—gone wi' all you did for it and never so much as thank you! No, never that wi' land; it stops in one place. Set that down—it's true forever; there's nought so honest as land."

President Wilson steadfastly refuses to consider the Senate action on the League of Nations as a defeat. The Senate has shown American people what it is; in December the President will endeavor to show the Senate what the facts are.

"Canada gets an occasional hand-out of fuel from across the border for factory operation while water runs to waste capable of producing hundreds of thousands of horsepower. The lesson is being rubbed in."—Toronto Globe.

That reindeer meat will solve the meat problem in 20 years, is prophesied by Stefansson, the Arctic explorer.

The co-operative farmers of Ontario—who, by the way, now control the provincial government—do an annual co-operative business of \$5,000,000 in buying and \$12,000,000 in selling; yet the directors have never voted themselves a cent for services. There are 60,000 farmers taking advantage of the plan; 6,000 are shareholders; and profits are limited to 7 per cent. In the early days of the movement, four years ago, mistakes were made; but the farmers say that mistakes never ruin anything unless there is cheating along with it.

The United States coal embargo made an exception of Canada.

The three Roosevelt boys have taken stock in a restaurant corporation. Kermit is also secretary of a boat line with interests in South America.

Twenty dollars a page is the actual cost of printing the Congressional Record.

Mary Garden arrived from Europe with a dress all spangled over with 1,000 tiny mirrors.

Men at the top of the business are getting larger profits and more of them; the producers everywhere in the business are getting higher wages than ever before; but the men between, those who do the paper work for both the managers and producers—the "service men," the clerical force—they are on fixed salaries and bear the brunt.

The United States Treasury has purchased back \$1,017,892,650 in Liberty Bonds.

The "dollar-a-year men" who served the government during the war, have not been paid. They are getting anxious for their dollar. Most of them want to keep it as a souvenir. But there is a hitch about payment. Effort is being made to pay off the men with a check signed by Woodrow Wilson, W. G. McAdoo and Bernard Baruch.

Foreign medals and decorations to the number of 15,384 were conferred on American participants in the war.

Robbery and murder increase in Berlin. Crowds of roughs carry on their pillage in defiance of the police.

Great Britain has ratified the Treaty which pledges aid to France if, without provocation, Germany again attacks her.

Eleven hundred students of the University of Wisconsin received \$35,000 educational bonus—almost every check being for \$30, a month's army pay.

Vesuvius is not an imposing mountain. Visitors are invariably surprised and somewhat disappointed at its squatty appearance.

The French people are buying American army stocks at amazing prices. High rubber boots, 50 cents; sheep-lined coats, 40 cents; blankets, \$4.

The 95 German university men who in 1914 published a manifesto to the world, now acknowledge through Prof. Harnack that some of the statements of that document are no longer tenable.

"Why the British Grand Fleet was not destroyed in the earliest days of the war, I cannot imagine," writes Admiral Sir Percy Scott. The fleet, he said, was taken to Scapa Flow to protect it from the Germans. He attributes Britain's escape alone to the fact that the German sea lords were more stupid than the British ones.

Britain concludes that the United States has "grown up." When the grandfather (King Edward VII) visited America, people came out to his train with presents of bread and honey and cake and fruit. Once when he expressed a desire to take a quiet drive around an eastern city, the mayor delegated two companies of militia and a brass band to accompany him. The present Prince of Wales found us somewhat smoother in our etiquette, though quite as warm in our welcome.

A person losing his purse, advertised the loss in the liner columns, signing himself "Worried." Next night a reply was printed: "Party that lost purse containing \$24 need worry no longer. It has been found."

The practice has appeared in England of pelting couples with confetti before they enter the church for the wedding ceremony. Public opinion is being aroused against it chiefly on account of the pathetic figure a bride often makes as she stands dripping confetti before the altar to take her marriage vows.

South Dakota has asked that all presidential candidates state their policies in "eight words." The first presidential primary will be held in New Hampshire, Gen. Wood's home state, March 9th.

A common tenpenny nail killed King Segis Pontiac Alcarta, the \$50,000 prize bull that swallowed it.

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